

MINUTES FOR THE
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 5, 2009

In attendance:

Paul Abegg
Betty Stokes-Crane
Tom McNeilis
Chizu Jaret
John T. Jones

Theda Wrede
Dennis Wignall
Munir Mahmud
Shane Prine
Jerry D. Harris

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion to approve: DW; seconded: JDH; approved.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. DIVERSITY STATEMENT DENEKA SOUBERBIELLE – no further discussion

B. PROGRAM REVIEW POLICY WAS PLACED IN THE FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. FORM SUBCOMMITTEE
2. FORM NEW COMMITTEE

This issue comes to us from the Curriculum and Institutional Effectiveness committees. TM suggested forming a committee for this out of the *faculty*, not out of the executive committee. DW recommended making the committee of *one* faculty member from each department that has very recently gone through review *plus* 3-4 others from departments that will shortly be up for review. It was moved by DW and seconded by BS-C to recommend this option to Donna.

C. REPLACEMENT FOR SUSAN ERTEL BEST PRACTICES

1. Chizu Jaret and John Goldhart – as co-chairs

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Exceptions Policy----Dennis Wignall

Donna has requested that specific and appropriate phraseology be constructed to accommodate the need in some departments for the ability to hire faculty that lack a terminal degree but that have a Master's combined with sufficient professional experience that potentially could make them effective teachers (e.g., lecturers/instructors/exempt faculty on renewable, yearly, non-tenure-track contracts; such faculty could still be promoted

[e.g., from lecturer to senior lecturer] but remain non-tenured). This description would be inserted into position advertisements. DW specified that it should be up to each individual department to determine if a candidate suits their needs, but the language needs to describe exactly what the position is. He offered (and moved) to volunteer to come up with this language and e-mail it to the Executive Committee within 24 hours for suggestions and approval before forwarding it to Donna. TM seconded; approved.

B. Nominations for President Elect for next year
TM will investigate possibility of Dennis Martinez serving, since he has expressed interest; PA also expressed interest.

C. Departments to gather names for those leaving
Faculty Senate Executive Committee so we can vote
Current Executive Committee Members at the ends of their two year terms need to either (a) decide to serve again, or (b) find a replacement from within their departments. Names of all candidates (including current members if they wish to serve again) must be given to DW by April 1 so that a ballot can be made up for general faculty vote in April.

NEW ITEM: TM handed out a set of guidelines for the construction of a teaching portfolio (from <http://www.utexas.edu/academic/cte/teachfolio.html>); this should be distributed to department chairs to then distribute to new faculty as well as to faculty that are coming up for tenure and/or rank advancement.

D. Next meeting March 26, 2009 due to spring break
on March 19, 2009